



U.S. Department of Justice

**Stephen J. Murphy
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Michigan**

*Suite 2001
211 West Fort Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226-3277
Fax: (313) 226-3561*

For Immediate Release:

Contact: Gina Balaya (313) 226-9758
Stephen Moore - IRS (313) 234-2410

December 12, 2005

EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Ahmad M. Jebril and Musa A. Jebril

TWO DEARBORN RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR THEIR ROLE IN FRAUD SCHEME

Ahmad Musa Jebril, 34 and Musa Abdallah Jebril, 66, both of Dearborn, Michigan were sentenced today in federal court after having been convicted in November 2004 on 42 counts of an indictment charging them with conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, Social Security fraud, money laundering, failure to file income tax returns, and being felons in possession of firearms and ammunition, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent Daniel Roberts, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Postal Inspector in Charge Yeudele D. Allen, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Special Agent in Charge Maurice Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

Ahmad Musa Jebril was sentenced to 70 months in prison and Musa Abdallah Jebril was sentenced to 58 months in prison. Both were ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$250,756. Each will be required to pay a \$3,675 special assessment and complete three years of supervised release once released from prison. Both defendants are currently

detained and are awaiting trial on charges of jury tampering that arose during particular trial.

The evidence presented at trial established that the JEBRILS conspired to obtain money by fraud from insurance companies and banks, and with committing the crimes of bank fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, social security fraud and money laundering as they executed their scheme. The defendants created false identities for themselves in alias names, with false social security numbers, fraudulently obtained driver's licenses, and false credit histories. They opened post office boxes to receive mail in their alias identities. They opened bank accounts in the names of non-existent companies. They bought properties in Detroit, Lincoln Park and Dearborn – single family homes, apartment buildings and commercial buildings. The defendants used their various aliases and a complex series of false quit claim deeds to conceal their ownership of the properties. To further tangle the chain of title and avoid liability for property taxes, they transferred the properties to a non-existent person, "Sobhie Said Salem." And they insured the properties, usually using their alias identities, falsely stating they owned the properties free and clear, without mortgages or land contracts.

Then AHMAD MUSA JEBRIL and MUSA ABDALLAH JEBRIL made false insurance claims of vandalism to the properties, often for damage they did themselves, and collected money from the insurance companies. They supported their claims with fraudulent invoices, forged court documents, rental agreements and other papers that the defendants mailed or faxed to the insurance companies. On several occasions, the defendants made insurance claims to more than one insurance company, and collected twice for the same damage on the same property. The defendants laundered the insurance proceeds through their bank accounts, and withdrew the money to make mortgage payments, pay insurance premiums, and to further their fraudulent scheme in other ways.

Their tenants knew AHMAD JEBRIL and MUSA JEBRIL only by their alias names. The JEBRILS pressured their tenants to pay their monthly rent in cash or by money order, and they willfully failed to report their income or to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

The JEBRILS were convicted by the State of Michigan of fraud relating to transfer of false titles to vehicles and other felonies in 1998. A federal search warrant at their home on September 9, 2003 established they were in possession of three firearms and ammunition for

the shotguns, as well as for semi-automatic weapons; they were charged with and convicted of being felons in possession of firearms and ammunition.

The jury made special findings that the JEBRILS' pattern of fraud resulted in \$200,000 to \$400,000 in losses to between 10 and 50 victims. The jury ordered the JEBRILS to disgorge illegal profits totaling \$200,000 to the United States, and to forfeit their interest in 12 real properties, including two apartment buildings.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "Fraud cases such as this one are among the highest priorities of my office. This office will never yield in our efforts to weed out those individuals who seek to obtain money through fraudulent activities."

The case was first brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by investigators with the National Insurance Crime Bureau. Mr. Murphy commended the fine work of the Joint Terrorism Task Force in investigating the matter, stating that the successful prosecution of AHMAD MUSA JEBRIL and MUSA ABDALLAH JEBRIL could not have occurred without the cooperation and participation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Postal Inspection Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Cynthia Oberg and Julie Beck.